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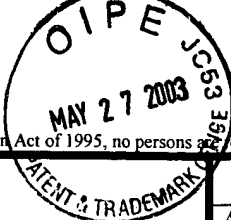
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Claims Nos.: 10,11 (both partially)

Notwithstanding the lack of NON-UNITY there exist as well lack of clarity in the first invention:

Present claims 10 and 11 relate to a nucleic acid sequence from beta-actin and GAPDH defined as viral nucleic acid (see also claim 6). The use of this definition in the present context is considered to lead to a lack of clarity within the meaning of Article 6 PCT since both beta-actin and GAPDH are housekeeping (constitutive) genes which do not exist in viruses. The lack of clarity is such as to render a meaningful complete search impossible. Consequently, the search has been restricted to host nucleic acid sequences from beta-actin and GAPDH. Additionally it has to be mentioned that claims 10 and 11 also relate to non-coding sequences from beta-actin and GAPDH which seems to be inconsistent since both beta-actin and GAPDH are genes which are coding sequences

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